

The Young Man Who Follows the Motto, "Never Put off Until To-morrow What You Can do Day After To-morrow" Will Never be President

## HOPES FOR BRITISH EXPEDITION IN MESOPOTAMIA

Victory on Tigris May Be Salvation of Forces at Kut-el-Amara

### TURK TRENCHES TAKEN BY STORM

Defeat of Ottomans Likely to Result in Relief of Gen. Townshend's Troops.

London, April 6.—A victory for the British over the Turks on the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara has been reported by Gen. Lake, in command of the British forces there. The Turkish entrenched position at Umm-el-Henna was attacked and carried at 5 o'clock yesterday morning by the Tigris corps Gen. Lake reports, and the operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

The capture of Umm-el-Henna, which is on the Tigris about 20 miles downstream from Kut-el-Amara, is the most important news from this theater in some time and is regarded at London as giving promise of the early relief of Gen. Townshend's force, which has been besieged on Kut-el-Amara since the first week in December. Umm-el-Henna is a strong position at an important bend of the river and is said to be the last serious barrier to the relief of Gen. Townshend, although two or three less strong positions are still to be overcome before Kut-el-Amara is reached.

Next to the Dardanelles expedition the operations in Mesopotamia have been a subject on which the British government has been more criticized than any other, not only on account of the breakdown in the hospital arrangements, but on the responsibility of the advance with insufficient forces toward Bagdad.

As in the case of the Dardanelles, the critics accused the ministers at home of insisting on the expedition against the advice of the military authorities in India and on the spot. This accusation, however, met with an unqualified contradiction by Austin Chamberlain, secretary for India, in the House of Commons Tuesday. Mr. Chamberlain declared that the advance on Bagdad was undertaken on the advice of the commander-in-chief in Mesopotamia.

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## COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

The undersigned having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington, COMMISSIONER, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Ed-ard L. Knapp, Sr., late of Bennington, in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that the will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the office of C. H. M. Graves in the Town of Bennington in said District, on the 18th day of September next, from 2 o'clock P. M. until 4 o'clock P. M., on said day, and that six months from the 1st day of March, A. D. 1916, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to said Commissioner for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington, Vt., this 25th day of March, A. D. 1916. JOHN ROONEY, JOHN H. K. LLY, Commissioners.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Effort to Secure Services of Professional Coach.

Plans that have been started can lead to a successful conclusion. The season will witness an entirely new team in the conduct of baseball. Bennington high school. In previous years there has been a lack of coordinated action which has not only been detrimental to the success of the team in its games, but which has also been productive of other unsatisfactory results.

This year there is to be a change or no high school baseball. The student body has been informed by the school authorities that it must break away from the aliphod way of doing things that has been altogether too evident in the past or go out of business in baseball.

In order that the school team may open its season with some assurance of carrying out its obligations, the students realize that they must have funds and the only means by which financial backing can be secured is through a subscription. The campaign will start tomorrow.

The students will attempt to raise money for two purposes: To pay for the services of a coach and to pay the guarantees to visiting teams. Cable Prindle of Williamstown, who has had considerable experience in coaching school teams since he last appeared with the Bennington professional club, has agreed to act as coach. It is the plan that Mr. Prindle shall be in Bennington six afternoons a week, after practice once begins, for the purpose of developing the players. It is impossible at the present time to develop a school team so that it will have any kind of a chance against opposing nines without efficient coaching. All other teams that come to Bennington have had the benefit of coaching and in order to make a creditable showing, the school nine here must be similarly trained.

Bennington has had little or no baseball for several seasons and now that the high school boys appear to be making the right kind of effort to accomplish something in the line of athletics it is safe to presume that public support will not be lacking. While school boys are not so proficient as professionals, the youngsters in some respects, give us the better sport in that the players are not governed by financial considerations.

The team manager has already arranged for a number of games with teams representing schools in this vicinity. The schedule is not yet completed but the following dates are fixed:

April—Pittsford high school at Pittsford.

April 26—Adams high school at Adams.

May 6—Rutland high school at Bennington.

May 13—Burr and Burton seminary at Manchester.

May 16—Adams high school at Bennington.

May 20—Pittsford high school at Bennington.

May 27—Rutland high school at Rutland.

June 3—Burr and Burton seminary at Bennington.

June 9—St. Albans high school at Bennington.

## HIS DOG RAN DEER

Louis Russell of North Pownal Pleads Guilty and Is Fined.

Louis Russell of North Pownal, who was arrested Wednesday by County Game Warden Edward S. Higgins on the charge of permitting a dog to run deer, pleaded guilty in municipal court. The statute requires a fine of \$100 which was imposed by Judge Holden and the respondent was then placed on probation. The negligence to restrain his dog, however, cost Russell \$22.75.

Because of the deep snow in the mountains a large number of deer congregated during the past winter in the narrow valleys near the Massachusetts line and the animals have been worried by dogs to a considerable extent. At least one deer was killed. Some of the dog owners live in Massachusetts and this fact complicates the situation. One of the canine nuisances has been shot by a deputy warden and more are likely to suffer the same fate unless restrained by their owners.

## LOCAL OVERFLOW

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tatro are extending their sympathy in the death of their 3-year-old baby, Eugene Tatro, Jr., who died suddenly yesterday afternoon. Prayer will be held at the house Friday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Provost and interment will be in Park Lawn.

Rev. Thornton F. Turner today telegraphed to the war relief headquarters in New York the sum of \$61 to be forwarded to Europe for use in the hospitals. The money was raised by subscription and will be used in the purchase of hospital supplies, particularly ether of which there is an insufficient supply.

The ladies of Mt. Anthony Chapter, O. E. S., held their annual election of officers in the temple last evening. The elections were as follows: Worthy Matron, Mrs. S. C. Lyons; Worthy Patron, A. R. Rickert; Associate Matron, Mrs. Jesse T. Carpenter; Conductress, Mrs. M. B. Burnham; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Frank Wood; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Resseguie; Secretary, Mrs. John C. Clark. The appointed officers will be announced later.

## SOMBRERO OF SAN JUAN HILL AGAIN IN THE RING

Roosevelt's Position Relating to Nomination for President

### COLONEL WILL NOT "PUSSYFOOT"

Tells Prospective Delegates to Chicago Convention Where He Stands on National Issues

Oyster Bay, L. I., April 5.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is again out in the open as a candidate for the Republican nomination for President of the United States.

He made known his attitude to a visitor from a near-by State who expects to go to the Republican National Convention as a delegate. There were five men present in the big trophy room at Sagamore Hill who heard the conversation.

The Colonel with his characteristic vehemence had been talking of Mexico and other international problems when the visitor broke in.

"You know Colonel," he said, "I may make up my mind that we will have to nominate you."

Like a flash the Colonel turned to his visitor.

"Well, now, let me give you a piece of advice," he said, "pounding the chair arm. 'If you have any doubt on the subject do not nominate me. Get it perfectly clear in your head that if you nominate me it isn't because you think it is in my interest, but because you think it is in your interest and the interest of the Republican Party, and because you think it is the interest of the United States to do so.'"

The Colonel hesitated a moment to collect his thoughts, and then burst out again. He put into his utterances all of the vehemence he would have used in a campaign speech, apparently oblivious of the fact that he was talking to a little group of men in his home and not to a great throng in some huge auditorium.

"And more than that, don't you do it if you expect me to pussy-foot on any single issue I have raised," he continued. "Don't be for me unless you are prepared to say that every citizen of this country has not to be pro-United States, first, last and all the time, and no pro-anything else at all, and that we stand for every good American everywhere, whatever his birthplace or creed, and wherever he now lives and that in return we demand that he be an American and nothing else, with no hyphen about him."

"Every American citizen must be for America first and for no other country even second, and he hasn't any right to be in the United States at all if he has any divided loyalty between this country and any other."

"I don't care a rap for the man's creed or birthplace or national origin, so long as he is straight United States, I am for him if he is straight United States, and if he isn't I am against him. And don't you nominate me unless you are prepared to take the position that Uncle Sam is to be strong enough to defend his rights and to defend every one of his people, wherever these people are, and he can't be strong enough unless he prepares in advance."

"I am not for war, on the contrary I abhor an unjust or a wanton war, and I would use every honorable expedient to avoid even a just war. But I feel with all my heart that you don't, the long run, avoid war by making other people believe that you are afraid to fight for your own rights."

"Uncle Sam must never wrong the weak; he must never insult any one or wantonly give cause of offense to either the weak or the strong, and the squarest possible way to enable him to keep the peace and to keep it on terms that will enable Americans to hold their heads high and not hang them in shame is for him to be so prepared in advance—and I mean prepared in his own soul as well as with his army and navy—that when he says anything the rest of the world will know that he means it, and that he can make it good."

"Don't you try to nominate me unless you think that is the policy that ought to be followed out, and followed out for your sake as much as for mine, and for the sake of the rest of us here in the United States, and don't forget that isn't a course that provokes war; it is the only course that, in the long run, prevents war, and secures national self-respect and guarantees the honor of this country, and the rights of its citizens wherever they may be."

The conversation between the Colonel and his visitors came to a logical sequence to the Roosevelt-Root-Lodge luncheon last Friday at the home of Robert Bacon in New York, which gave such a mighty impetus to the boom which Roosevelt's followers

were conducting for his nomination. It serves among other things to disillusion all who endeavored to draw from the luncheon party the conclusion that Roosevelt, Root, Lodge, and Bacon were working in the interests of Root, or even Justice Charles E. Hughes, as the nominee of the Republican Party.

## FOR BENNINGTON COUNTY DEVELOPEMENT AND BETTERMENT

This Department Edited by Secretary Willard W. Bartlett of the County Improvement Association

A recent article in these columns by Stoddard B. Bates, State Highway Commissioner, reproduced from the Vermontor, gave a comprehensive outline of the method of putting in operation and the working of the patrol system of road maintenance so far as it has been adopted throughout the State. It may be of interest to know to what extent it has been introduced in Bennington County and how it has worked.

At the outset it should be said that the system applies to only the state or selected roads which comprise about 27 per cent of the total road mileage of the county, and that usually only the most important portions of the state roads in any town are taken as patrol routes.

The proportion of the total mileage that can be patrolled under the present plan is therefore relatively small. In 1913 the first patrol routes in the county were established in Bennington and Woodford. The plan was discontinued in Bennington at the end of that season. In Woodford the method has been in use for three successive seasons. In the past year, 1915, 20 additional towns, Pownal and Shaftsbury, adopted the plan. The results have been very generally satisfactory to the town officials, the townspeople and to the traveling public. In Woodford the route extends from the foot of the mountain or the lower end of Dunville Hollow to Searsburg line, 7 miles; in Pownal from the Massachusetts line through Pownal Center to Bennington line, 8 miles; in Shaftsbury from Bennington line through So. Shaftsbury, Shaftsbury Center and North Shaftsbury to Arlington line, 7.2 miles.

It is the aim of the State Highway Department to use such methods that the work done will not become undone before the end of the season. The patrol system possesses the great advantage over the usual method of maintenance that the patrolman by being almost continually employed throughout the season is enabled to give prompt attention to the many small defects which are bound to appear under heavy traffic and so prevent deterioration continuing until expensive repairs are necessary.

The patrol roads in Pownal and Shaftsbury are on the main line of north and south traffic through the county, and there were very few complaints of the condition of these roads during the past season.

The patrol system is established in a town as follows: The selectmen and road commissioner request the State Highway Department to take over a designated road, from 5 to 10 miles in length, as a patrol route, and offer to furnish from the funds of the town a certain sum toward the cost.

The State does not accept a smaller sum than the average amount per mile which the town maintenance tax yields, multiplied by the number of miles to be patrolled. As much more is required as seems equitable for that particular case. The State supplies the additional money, whatever the amount required, from the automobile fund.

The patrolman is appointed by the State Commissioner and works directly under the supervision of the County Supervisor.

To date several towns have arranged to have the patrol system put into effect for the first time this season. It is probable that there will be 50 or more miles of road under patrol in the County for the season of 1916.

James L. Davis, County Supervisor.

## ONE ZEPPELIN HIT

One Child Killed and Eight Persons Hurt in Last Raid.

London, April 6.—One of the three Zeppelins which took part in last night's raid is reported to have been hit by shots fired from the aerial defense batteries.

According to the report of the war office one child was killed and eight persons were injured by the bombs from the dirigible.

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## DISAPPEARING ACT OF VILLA IS ONE GRAND SUCCESS

Army Officials Have Lost All Trace of Bandit Chief

### FELIX DIAZ IN MEXICO

Reported to Have Entered Country from Guatemala With Considerable Force.

El Paso, Tex., April 6.—Villa, the bandit chieftain, has completely disappeared. All reports as to his whereabouts, which come mainly from Mexicans, are not much credited by army officials here.

Apparently the American expedition into Mexico has been temporarily halted for the reason that a further extension without a better base of supplies would be dangerous.

Gen. Garcia, the representative of the Carranza government on the border, has expressed the opinion that the American troops should be withdrawn from Mexico. Garcia's position is believed to coincide with wishes of the Carranza government.

Washington, April 5.—Reports to the department of justice indicate that there is now no longer any doubt that Felix Diaz has landed in Mexico. Officials have been informed that he is at the head of a considerable force in the south of Mexico and has received material aid through Guatemala. It is the first official information of the revolutionary leader's whereabouts. A proclamation in Diaz's favor along the border between the United States and Mexico is reported and a number of his adherents there are under surveillance by the department agents.

Thus far there has been little definite information as to the movements of Diaz or the source from which he obtained arms and ammunition. It has been fairly well established, officials say, that he received considerable financial aid in New York. One of his agents recently was traced by department agents to Canada and another was said to have left recently for Spain. It is considered possible that Diaz may have armed his followers in Cuba. In this connection officials recalled yesterday the sale about a year ago by the United States to Cuba of a quantity of old rifles.

Guatemalan officials repeatedly have denied that their country was concerned in any way in the Diaz movement and assert that it is neutral.

## A CLEAN BARBER SHOP

Some Facts That Should Be Known By Bennington Men.

There is a great deal of talk going about the village at present regarding the sanitary condition of barbershops and the skin diseases which are transmitted by the unsterilized tools of thoughtless barbers.

This appears an opportune time to say something about the condition in which I have aimed to keep my shop during the 25 years I have been in business here.

Ever since I opened the Fifth shop I have done something which I do not know of any other shop in Bennington doing. Every man who gets a shave from myself or employees, has individual laundered towels for his exclusive use. By contract with a local laundry by the year I can use as many towels as needed. Consequently when a man has his barbering done in my place, he knows that the towels used on him are absolutely clean. Immediately upon use every towel is thrown into the laundry basket and sent back for new laundering. This costs me several dollars a week more than the usual method of squeezing the same towel under a faucet and using it over and over again to save laundry bills.

The result has been that to my knowledge, never in the quarter century of my business of barbering have I known of a skin disease which has originated in or been transmitted from my shop.

All of my instruments are constantly sterilized and the state sanitary regulations in regard to conduct of barbershops are carefully observed. In proof of this I offer the following testimonial by the local health officer:

"I hereby certify that I have made myself familiar with the conduct of the Fifth barbershop and have found that the shop is kept in a thoroughly clean condition, that individual towels are used for customers and all tools and appliances kept in a constantly sterilized condition."

Signed, Jos. M. Ayres, Health Officer.

I invite the men of Bennington and vicinity to bring their work to this shop where there is not now, and never has been, any danger of contamination by prevailing skin diseases.

W. C. Fifth, Advertisement.

## INDOOR GYMNASIUM MEET

Closing Season of School Classes at Library Hall, Tomorrow Afternoon

Sometimes in the minds of parents there exists a little doubt as to the wisdom of sending girls to a gymnasium class. That the growing girl needs systematic and well regulated exercise, especially in the winter after long sitting at a desk during school, is too well proven a theory to require any argument but this doubt is usually caused by misunderstanding that the gymnasium classes are other than a mere good time and frolic. To the end of acquainting parents and friends with the kind of work done in gymnasium and of enlisting their interest, the school classes are going to close their winter season with an informal exhibition in the form of an indoor meet, tomorrow afternoon at Library hall at 3:30.

Officials have been appointed as follows: Judges—Mrs. William Burke, Mrs. Warwick Carpenter, Miss Eunice Lyons; scorer, Miss Florence Walbridge; starter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Robinson; umpire, Miss Hilda Pratt; announcer, Miss Mathilde Vossler. The events in order will be marching, folk dancing, relay race and a Newcomb Tournament. Chairs in gallery and on the stage will be at the disposal of spectators. All who are interested are most cordially invited.

## TOURNAMENT ENDS

Cards and Billiards Played at Bennington Club.

The tournament, which has been in progress at the Bennington club for several weeks, closed Wednesday evening. The prize winners in the various games were as follows: billiards, G. P. Endress, C. L. Holden; pool, F. S. Bralley, E. E. Larrabee; cribbage, Edward L. Bates, E. A. Booth; bridge, J. M. Ayres, A. E. Hollister; pinocle, E. D. Moore, W. E. Bissell. After the games Wednesday evening lunch was served in the grill.

The tournament was in charge of a committee of which I. P. Walker was chairman. Each of the winners received a prize, the particularly appropriate one being a box of cigars won by G. P. Endress.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont probably rain or snow and colder tonight, Friday, fair and colder.

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## HARCOURT FALLS INTO HANDS OF CROWN PRINCE

New German Offensive Within Nine Miles of Verdun

### LOSS IN NIGHT ATTACK HEAVY

Teuton Success Partially Offset By French Who Have Recaptured Callette Wood.

London, April 6.—The Germans have captured Harcourt, nine miles northwest of Verdun in a resumption of the Crown Prince's offensive on a large scale.

The French have partially offset the German success by driving the Germans from the Callette wood southwest of Harcourt.

The French war office today states that the Germans suffered heavily in last night's engagement.

London, April 5.—Intermittent cannonading on the Douaumont-Vaux front was the chief feature of today's operations around Verdun. There was no infantry action today, but the French report having made progress last night north of Callette Wood.

West of the Meuse comparative calm prevailed in the sections strictly within the Verdun zone of operations; but on the borders of the Argonne, to the north of Malancourt, the French artillery continued its concentrated fire upon the German lines of communication. The Germans have begun setting mines adrift in the Meuse south of Verdun. Twenty-two have been discovered and exploded by the French.

## EMBARGO BY HOLLAND

Restrictions Placed Upon Exports of Food Stuffs.

London, April 6.—The Dutch government has issued an order to prevent the exportation of food stuffs out of the country.

Ships which have been loading with products of this kind have been ordered to discharge their cargoes.


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